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A new species of the spider genus *Harpactea* Bristowe, 1939 from Azerbaijan (Aranei Dysderidae).

Новый вид пауков рода *Harpactea* Bristowe, 1939 из Азербайджана (Aranei Dysderidae).

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РЕЗЮМЕ: Описание нового паука из аридных арчево-фисташковых редколесий Большого Кавказа Азербайджана. *Harpactea dashdamirovi* sp.n. принадлежит к подгруппе «*caucasia*» группы видов «*hombergi*», очевидно, ближе всего к *H.nachitschevanica* Dunin, 1991, но отличается не треугольным, а овальным бульбусом, слабее закрученным эмболюсом, несколько более коротким и массивным кондуктором, а также небольшими деталями размеров, окраски и вооружения конечностей.

ABSTRACT: A new spider from arid *Juglans-Pistacia* sparse stands of the Caucasus Major of Azerbaijan is described. *Harpactea dashdamirovi* sp.n. belongs to the *caucasia*-subgroup of the *hombergi*-group, being perhaps especially close to *H.nachitschevanica* Dunin, 1991, but differing in

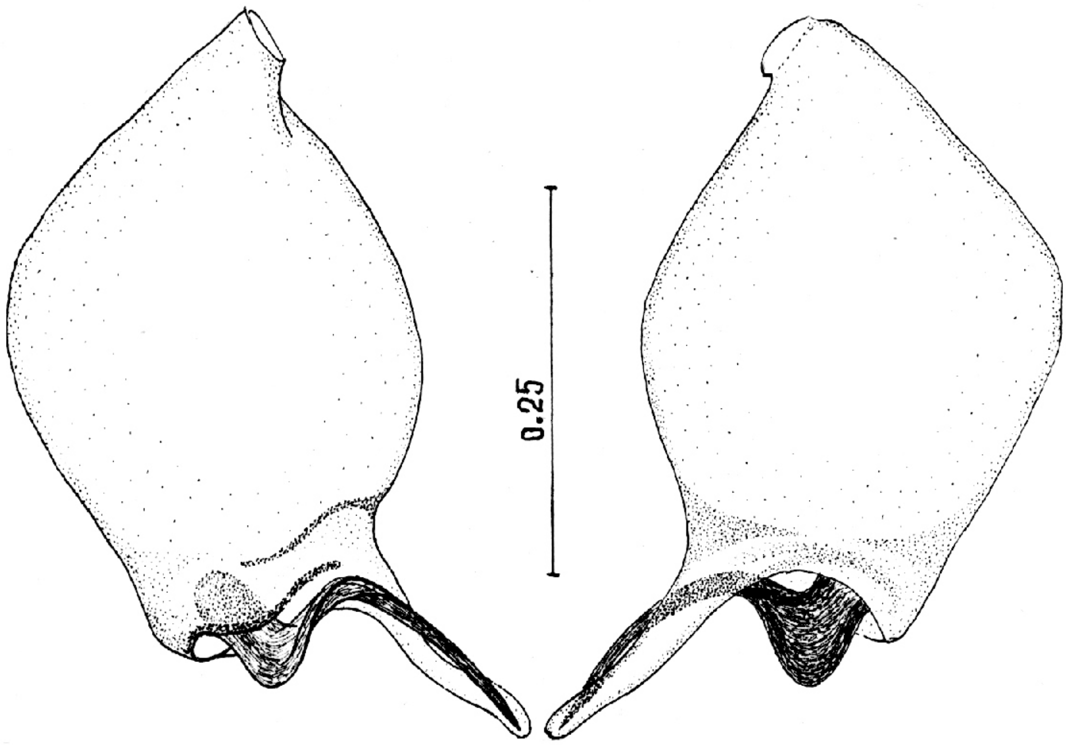


Fig. *Harpactea dashdamirovi*, male palp.
Рис. *Harpactea dashdamirovi*, пальпус самца.

the oval, not triangular, bulbus, less dramatically coiled embolus, somewhat shorter and stouter conductor, as well as by certain minor details of the size, coloration, and leg spinulation.

No sooner had my revision of the Caucasian Dysderidae been issued [Dunin, 1992], with a total of 28 *Harpactea* spp. recognized, I received small material from Azerbaijan containing another new species of that genus. This paper is devoted to its description, entirely following the pattern accepted in Dunin [1992]. Type material is kept in the Zoological Museum of the State University of Moscow, Russia.

Harpactea dashdamirovi, **sp.n.**
Fig.

Holotype: ♂, Azerbaijan, Agdash Distr., Bozdagh Mt. Range, Turianchai Reserve, Dadly-Bulag Valley, 100-300 m a.s.l., arid *Juglans-Pistacia* sparse forest with Quercus remains, litter and under stones, 8.V.1992; H. Aliev, S. Dashdamirov & V. Gusarov. - Paratype: ♂, same locality, 6.V.1992; leg. S. Dashdamirov.

Etymology: Honours Dr. Selvin D. Dashdamirov, one of the collectors.

Diagnosis: The new species belongs to the *caucasia*-subgroup of the *hombergi*-group, being perhaps especially close to *H.nachitschevanica* Dunin, 1991, but differing in the oval, not triangular, bulbus, less strongly coiled embolus, somewhat shorter and stouter conductor, as well as by certain minor details of the size, coloration, and leg spinulation.

Description: Male. Carapace 1.53 long, 1.20 wide, cephalic portion 0.63 wide. Carapace brown, finely shagreened. Sternum dark yellow. Chelicerae brown, with small dark brown spots. Labium and gnathocoxae yellow-brown. Legs yellow to dark yellow. Leg armature: Fm I Ad(2), Fm II Ad(1.1), Fm III Dm(1), ADd(1.1)/(1), Fm IV Db(1.1)/(1.1.1); Pt III A(1); Ti III-IV AD(1.1.1), AV(1.1.1), PD(1.1.1), PV(1.1.1). Abdomen 1.86 long, 1.01 wide. Abdomen grey-yellow, with short hairs. Copulatory organ as in Figs 1-2.

Female unknown.

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